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1. EMBASSY OFFICER TODAY DISCUSSED SUBJECT MTN MEETING WITH CARLOS HIOKERAS, HEAD COMMERCIAL POLICY DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN OFFICE WHO MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS.

2. PERUVIAN DELEGATION TO TOKYO MEETING NOT YET DETERMINED. NAMES OF MOST DELEGATES SHOULD BE KNOWN BY END NEXT WEEK AND THESE WILL BE SUBMITTED. DELEGATION WILL BE MADE UP PRIMARILY OF PERSONNEL MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ALTHOUGH FOREIGN OFFICE MAY SUPPLY SOME MEMBERS FROM EITHER LIMA OR OVERSEAS OFFICES.

3. RE TOPICS LIKELY TO BE RAISED BY PERU AT TOKYO, HIGIBRAS WOULD SAY ONLY THAT PERU ALONG WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ANDEAN PACT WAS UNHAPPY WITH THE DRAFT DECLARATION ON

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MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ISSUED IN GENEVA ON JULY 28.

HE SAID THAT BETWEEN NOW AND SEPTEMBER 12 WHEN THE TOKYO MEETING OPENS, THE ANDEAN PACT NATIONS WILL DO ALL THEY CAN TO HAVE THE DRAFT DECLARATION CHANGED TO CONFORM MORE TO THEIR VIEWS. HE MENTIONED A CECLA MEETING TO BE HELD IN BRAZIL DURING THIRD WEEK OF AUGUST WHEN GATT/MTN NEGOTIATIONS AND PARTICULARLY DRAFT DECLARATION WILL BE DISCUSSED AND HOPEFULLY A JOINT POSITION WILL BE REACHED. HIGUERAS WAS NOT SPECIFIC AS TO WHY THE ANDEAN PACT NATIONS WERE DISSATISFIED WITH THE DRAFT DECLARATION EXCEPT TO SAY THAT IT DID NOT "GO FAR ENOUGH" TO SATISFY "CERTAIN LEGITIMATE CONCERNS" OF THE LDC NATIONS, AMONG THEM THEIR CONCERN THAT AS THINGS NOW STAND THEY WILL MERELY BE BYSTANDERS AT THE GATT NEGOTIATIONS WHILE THE DEVELOPED NATIONS NEGOTIATE WITH EACH OTHER AND REACH AGREEMENTS WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE LDC'S. HE MENTIONED ARTICLES 11, 12, AND 13 OF THE ANNEX TO THE DRAFT DECLARATION AND SAID THAT "MOST OF THE WORDING" OF THOSE ARTICLES SHOULD BE IN THE DRAFT DECLARATION FOR IT TO BE A SATISFACTORY STATEMENT AS FAR AS THE ANDEAN PACT NATIONS ARE CONCERNED.

4. DURING THE CONVERSATION MR. HIGUERAS EMPHASIZED REPEATEDLY HIS CONCERN WITH THE PROGRESS OF U.S. TRADE LEGISLATION IN THE U.S. CONGRESS STATING THAT ITS SLOW MOVEMENTS TOWARD PASSAGE WAS GIVING THE IMPRESSION TO THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT AND OTHER LDC'S THAT THE U.S. WAS NOT SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL TRADING AGREEMENTS. HE EXPRESSED THE FEAR THAT, IF THE TRADE BILL CONTINUES TO BE DELAYED, THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE TOKYO MINISTERIAL MEETING WOULD BE SERIOUSLY HAMSTRUNG AND UNABLE TO SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY ON ANY OF THE TRADE PROBLEMS FACING THE WORLD INCLUDING U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE M.T.N. ITSELF.

HE ASKED FOR AN UP TO DATE REPORT ON THE TRADE BILLS PROSPECTS WHICH THE EMBASSY OFFICERS PROMISED TO PROVIDE.

COMMENT: JUST WHY THE FOREIGN OFFICE SHOULD BE SO CONCERNED WITH THE PROGRESS TOWARD PASSAGE OF U.S. TRADE LEGISLATION IS NOT CLEAR. CONSIDERING PERU'S DISSATISFACTION WITH THE MTN ARRANGEMENTS SO FAR AND ITS INDEPENDENT STANCE, OVERALL, AS REGARDS INTERNATIONAL TRADE ARRANGEMENTS, IT IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY PERU SHOULD CARE PARTICULARLY WHAT HAPPENS TO A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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U.S. TRADE BILL. WE CAN ONLY SURMISE THAT ITS INTEREST IS BASED ON THE CONVICTION THAT ALL CHANCES FOR PREFERENTIAL TARIFF ARRANGEMENTS WITH U.S. FOR ITS MANUFACTURES AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES WILL DISAPPEAR IF THE CURRENT U.S. TRADE BILL FAILS OF PASSAGE BY THE CONGRESS.
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